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ACTION AF-10

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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7428

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BGEN, OGEN, DASC
SUBJECT: RAY BAKER

REF: STATE 066910

1. EMBASSY HAS RAISED AT HIGH LEVEL WITH NATIONAL SECURITY ORGANIZATION (NSO) ITS DISAPPOINTMENT AT HAVING BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN SATISFACTION FROM THE FMG IN THE BAKER CASE. NSO OFFICIAL WAS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE CASE. HIS PERSONAL INTERPRETATION OF IT WAS REMARKABLY SIMILAR TO EMBASSY'S VIEW, (I.E. BAKER IS INNOCENT OF ANY WRONG-DOING BUT HIS FILE REMAINS TO BE PURGED OF THE FRAMING TO WHICH HE WAS SUBJECTED BY TWO DISGRUNTLED NIGERIAN EMPLOYEES HE FIRED). EMBASSY IS POUCHING TO AF/W THE INFORMAL AIDE-MEMORIE GIVEN TO NSCO OFFICIAL DURING THIS CONVERSATION.

2. NSO OFFICIAL SAID NSO NO LONGER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE CASE. THE QUESTION OF REINSTATEMENT OF BAKER'S RESIDENCE PERMIT AND HIS FREEDOM TO TRAVEL RESTED WITH THE MINSTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUT HE WOULD NONETHELESS BRING THE MATTER TO THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF NSO DIRECTOR BRIGADIER ABDULAHI MUHAMMED.

3. THE EMBASSY IS NOW RPT NOW SENDING A SECOND FOLLOW-UP NOTE TO MEA EXPRESSING ITS CONCERN THAT ITS TWO PREVIOUS NOTES (DECEMBER 5 AND 27) PRODUCED NO PROGRESS IN THE MATTER. THE EMBASSY'S
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NOTE WILL ONCE AGAIN REQUEST THE MINISTRY'S URGENT ADVICE ON HOW TO PROCEED. TEXT OF NOTE BEING CABLED SEPTEL.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF BAKER, ACCOMPANIED BY AF OFFICER, WOULD BUTTRESS WHAT WE ARE DOING AT THIS END BY FORCEFUL PITCH TO NIGERIAN CHARGE, URGING THAT CHARGE BRING MATTER TO GARBA'S PERSONAL ATTENTION PRIOR TO PRESIDENT'S

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ARRIVAL IN LAGOS. WE SUGGEST BAKER GIVE CHARGE A COPY OF HIS
LETTER OF MARCH 14 TO SECRETARY VANCE, ALONG WITH
COPY OF EMBASSY'S LATEST NOTE. AF OFFICER
COULD AFFIRM TO CHARGE THAT LETTER HAD BEEN BROUGHT
TO ATTENTION OF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
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